--- “Series of 1880” - Division “Open” - [A 60] - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - Type I - *lithographed* in BLUE on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove ---

--- perforated 12 - 132 x 15 mm. - 4 mm. red controls - scanned at 90% scale ---

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John McKay records that 217,752 *lithographed* copies of “**1-20 Blue Ribbon Cigarettes**”, and 620,000 *lithographed* copies of “**Not more than 1-20 Blue Cigarettes**” were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract**. Apparently the former were the 1/20th pound Lee Brandom Type I, and the latter were the Brandom Type II Customs strips.

★**RC-53** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 60**], blue, control **012135-36**, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

★**RC-53a** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 60**], blue, control **012192**, perforated 12, a bottom copy lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper, appears to be *unwatermarked*, the strip has simply missed the sheet watermark

★**RC-53 CP** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 60**], blue, control **060001**, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect stamping

012055	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012058	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012135-36★	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked, a pair
012159	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012164	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012184	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012192★	RC-53a	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked, a bottom strip, which has simply missed the sheet watermark
012219	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
012309	RC-53	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
060001★	RC-53 CP	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

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★**RC-53n** - 1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [**A 60**], blue, *without* control numbering, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper - ***two copies***

★**RC-53an** - 1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [**A 60**], blue, *without* control numbering, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper - appears to be *unwatermarked*, a top copy - the Lee Brandom **C-700 TP** - this strip has simply missed the sheet watermark

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The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the perforated *truly unwatermarked* 1/20th pound Division "Open" strip - **WANTED!** (if extant)

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the imperforate *truly unwatermarked* 1/20th pound Division "Open" strip.

Who has a perforated sheet, or a sheet of the imperforate, so that the question of the *truly unwatermarked* strip can be answered? Who even has a pair?

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